

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Tadamitsu KISHIMOTO *et al.*  
Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING  
IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2009. Although this amendment is filed after receipt of a final rejection, the subject matter which forms the basis of the rejections has been cancelled. Entry and consideration is therefore believed proper. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: